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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 15 and 16 as follows:

--3. (Amended) The program-distributable combination weighing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the communication device is selected from the group consisting of a modem, a terminal adapter, and a router.--

--4. (Amended) The program-distributable combination weighing apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising temporary storage means for storing the control program received via the communication medium.--

--7. (Amended) The program-distributable combination weighing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the communication device receives the control program using a protocol selected from the group consisting of TCP/IP, IPX/SPX, NetBEUI, NetBIOS, and AppleTalk.--

A<sup>2</sup> concluded  
--8. (Amended) The program-distributable combination weighing apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the plurality of weighing units are respectively provided with unit control portions, the control program received by the communication device includes unit control programs for controlling the weighing units, and the weighing machine control portion distributes the unit control programs received by the communication device to the respective unit control portions.--

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A<sup>3</sup> TEST  
--11. (Amended) The combination weighing system according to Claim 9, wherein the communication device of the combination weighing apparatus is selected from the group consisting of a modem, a terminal adapter, and a router.--

--12. (Amended) The combination weighing system according to Claim 9, wherein the combination weighing apparatus further includes temporary storage means for storing the control program received via the communication medium.--

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A<sup>4</sup>  
--15. (Amended) The combination weighing system according to Claim 9, wherein the communication device receives the control program using a protocol selected from the group consisting of TCP/IP, IPX/SPX, NetBEUI, NetBIOS, and AppleTalk.--

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Concluded

--16. (Amended) The combination weighing system according to Claim 9, wherein unit control portions for respectively controlling the plurality of weighing units are provided, the control program received by the communication device includes unit control programs for controlling the weighing units, and the weighing machine control portion distributes the unit control programs included in the control program received by the communication device to the respective unit control portions.--

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